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Air Force to Concentrate On Minute Man II, III Systems

Air Force's Ballistic Missile Program for Fiscal Year 1968 will be limited to the three-stage solid propellant Minuteman II and III systems, according to Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity, deputy chief of staff for Systems and Logistics.

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee and the subcommittee on DOD Appropriations, Gen. Gerrity said $381.2 million will be required for the proposed program.

Gen. Gerrity noted procurement of Titan II missiles is not requested under the current DOD budget because the system is now programmed to be phased out earlier than previously planned. He added that the Minuteman I program, consisting of 800 missiles located at five wings, has been completed.

Limited Sparrows Are Available

As for air-launched missiles, the general said an advanced version of the Sparrow, the AIM-7F will be available in limited numbers from FY68 funding. He explained: "This missile will improve the Air Force's capability in fighter-to-fighter combat." The Sparrow missile is now used by the Navy and Air Force.

Gen. Gerrity said the Shrike missile, a defense suppression weapon using a radar sensor which seeks out and homes on enemy ground radars, is now used on F-105 aircraft and will be included in the weapons of F-4S.

He said the total cost of the proposed FY68 aircraft Procurement Program is estimated at $6.2 million.

For Combat, Airlift, Trainer Aircraft

These funds are for combat, airlift, trainer and other types of aircraft. Included is development of the FB-111A strategic bomber, scheduled to replace aging B-52C/F aircraft. First flight of the prototype FB-111A is scheduled for mid-1967.

Gen. Gerrity said development and testing of the F-111 aircraft has proceeded generally as planned with the exception of achieving a final resolution to the problem of engine/airframe matching. "We are confident that the F-111A will result in a superior strike aircraft for the tactical force," the general said.

In the area of airlift aircraft, Gen Gerrity noted that the C-5A will provide an economic breakthrough in this country's airlift capability.

COLD WEATHER CONFERENCE—Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, commander in chief of Alaskan forces (left), discusses Exercise Frontier Assault with Lt. Col. Henri Chasse, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, during the general's visit to the exercise area. Col. Chasse's Canadian unit participated in the Alaskan Command Joint Winter Exercise.

Navy Forms Study Group For Ship Designs in 1970's

The Navy has announced formation of a study group under former Commander of Naval Support Activity at Da Nang, RAdm. Thomas R. Weschler, to look into ship design and construction of destroyer, destroyer escort and frigate types for the 1970's.

The Admiral's study group will be formed within the Office of Chief of Naval Operations and will delve into the so-called DX and DXG escort types which have yet to reach the drawing boards.

In his January "posture" statement before Congress, Defense Secretary McNamara said $30 million had been earmarked in the FY68 budget for studying the design of these ships.

"At the conclusion of the contract definition phase the entire program will be reevaluated in the light of the detailed designs and cost estimates which result," Mr. McNamara said at the time.

February's DOD statement elaborating on Navy escort ships said, in part, that the study group "will examine the missions and roles for these ships and will make specific recommendations concerning the capabilities which should be built into these ships and the number that should be built."

Washington Memos

FORTY-TWO PERCENT OF total Military Civic Action efforts in Vietnam have been credited to members of Army's 5th Special Forces Group. Recently redesignated Revolutionary Development Support Activity, the group's S-5 section reports active programs in health and sanitation, education, agriculture, welfare and refugees, transportation and commercial development.

AT THE AIR FORCE Association convention in San Francisco, Calif., March 15-17, 22 outstanding airmen will be honored. In addition, for the first time, the association will honor an outstanding first term reenlistee. The 22 airmen will represent more than one million fellow airmen at the convention.

DEFENSE-INDUSTRY WORKSHOP on cost reduction was held in St. Louis in mid-February "to develop an even stronger contractor program." The meeting, the first of eight regional conferences during the winter and early spring, emphasized "problem-solving and developing recommendations to improve the contractor program as well as the Defense internal program."

NAVY'S OFFICE OF Judge Advocate General has produced a pamphlet, "Federal Income Tax Information for Service Personnel. Pamphlet is available for 20-cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Request should be for Catalog No. D 205.9:967.

THE NAVY IS soliciting applications from junior officers to enter its Nuclear Power Training program. Urgent need is for experienced unrestricted line officers, particularly for submarine duty.

U. S. TEAM will compete in III Ski Championship of International Military Sports Council (CISN) Feb. 22-March 4, at Cedars of Lebanon resort area in northern Lebanon. Contestants are all from U. S. Army Biathlon Training Center, Ft. Richardson, Alaska. They are participating in pre-Olympic competition, Grenoble, France, prior to going to Lebanon.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES for nuclear attack submarine U.S.S. Sturgeon are scheduled for March 3 at U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn. Sturgeon's commanding officer will be Cdr. Curtis B. Shellman Jr.

NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHER Office has a new address, following its move this year from Suitland, Md., to Alexandria, Va. Correspondence should be addressed to: Oceanographer of the Navy, The Madison Building, 732 N. Washington St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. Messages to: RDCIJRA/OCEANAV.

USMA APPOINTMENTS HAVE been received by nine candidates at USMA Preparatory School, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Three are regular Army appointments and six are congressional appointments. Candidates will attend next plebe class beginning July 3.

SOUTH VIETNAM'S PREMIER presented 36 decorations to U.S. Army personnel for defeating North Vietnam Army elements in series of Paul Revere IV battles. Premier Ky made presentations in 4th Infantry Division forward area, honoring members of various units participating in the operation.

ANNUAL FIELD TRIP to Latin American countries is being made by 6th class of Inter-American Defense College. Group is headed by Director Maj. Gen. Jack N. Donohew, USAF. The group left Feb. 13 to visit Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Argentina and Colombia.

WALTER T. SKALLERUP JR., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Policy has been awarded the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Medal for outstanding service during his 1962-1967 tenure of public office. Mr. Skallerup is resigning to resume private law practice.

PACIFIC SERVICE FORCE cargo replenishment ships set a record with 2,840 tons of foodstuffs issued to Seventh Fleet ships during January. Total eclipsed December 1965 record of 2,560 tons issued. Pacific Service Force provides naval forces afloat in Pacific and ashore in Vietnam.

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY Medal for operations in the Dominican Republic has been set by the Navy for its personnel. Beginning date is April 28, 1965, with a terminal date of Sept. 21, 1966.

FIRST CLASS OF eight foreign students in Air Force's new pilot training program has begun pre-flight training at Keesler AFB, Miss. Eventually an estimated 140 foreign officers and aviation cadets will be enrolled under the Military Assistance Program.

AN $8.7 MILLION firm, fixed-price contract for 1½-ton cargo carriers is being awarded to Pacific Car and Foundry Co., Renton, Wash. Award is by U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.

AIR FORCE MAJ. GEN. Theodore R. Milton, chief of staff of Tactical Air Command at Langley AFB, Va., has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general by President Johnson. Gen. Milton is to be reassigned as Air Force Inspector General in Washington, D.C.

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Army Sets Limited Burial Policy at Arlington Cemetery

A new policy for interment at Arlington National Cemetery will limit burials to Medal of Honor winners, active duty and retired members of the Armed Forces and honorably discharged veterans who have also served in high positions with the federal government.

The DOD announcement also said "wives and minor children of the foregoing are also eligible."

DOD noted that under the former criteria any member or former member of the Armed Forces including American citizens who served honorably with governments allied to the United States during a war were eligible. Wives, husbands and minor children also were eligible under the old criteria.

"Consistently over the last 10 years about 70 percent of the burials at Arlington have been veterans and their wives, most of them residents of the Washington area," the announcement said.

DOD underscored that the annual interment rate rose from 4,578 in 1962 to more than 7,000 and that Arlington had only 6,437 available gravesites remaining as of Feb. 10.

At the same time, DOD said the Army is in the process of a long-planned expansion into grounds of the South Post of adjacent Fort Myer, Va., to provide 60,000 more gravesites. The first of these will not be available until December 1969.

Conservation Vital to Defense, Security DOD Official States

A high Defense Department official has told the National Resources Council of America that conservation is a vital part of Defense and that without abundant natural resources there can be little national security.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Logistics Paul R. Ignatius pointed out that DOD is responsible for the stewardship of 27 million acres of land in the United States and has made a major effort in the past decade to insure both conservation and public recreation opportunities.

"As one of the Nation's large land-holders, we have the responsibility to manage these lands and the natural resources thereon to the best of our ability," Mr. Ignatius said.

Secretary Ignatius chose the occasion of the Council's February meeting to announce the transfer of the responsibilty to his office from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower.

NEW ARRIVAL—Gen. John D. Ryan, commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces (left), and Gen. Dwight E. Beach, commander in chief, U.S. Army Pacific, arrive for honor guard ceremonies welcoming Gen. Ryan to Hawaii. Gen Ryan, the newly-appointed Pacific Air Forces commander, was greeted by the staff of Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific and troops of the 11th Infantry Brigade.

President's Committee Urges Balance in Space Program

The President's Science Advisory Committee has urged the continuation of manned lunar exploration on a limited scale while calling for an upgraded program for early unmanned expeditions to other nearby planets.

In a special report issued Feb. 12, the committee recommended a limited extension of Apollo launchings at the rate of one or two per year "in order to exploit our anticipated ability to explore the Moon," and unmanned lunar landings in the early 1970's to place significant scientific payloads on the Moon's surface.

The committee rejected "the adoption of a single new dominating goal for the space program," however, and recommended a more balanced program of overall planetary exploration be undertaken by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Other recommendations by the committee were:

- Support for a Voyager planetary program with an unmanned soft landing on Mars in 1973 or 1975.
- Similar plans for a Voyager mission to Venus with an option to land.
- An unmanned mission in 1970 to probe the atmosphere of Venus "be given particular consideration as the next new planetary mission."
- Programs of earth-orbit for 100 or more days to better predict man's ability to live in space.
- The Air Force and NASA to develop and launch the first module of a space station in the mid-1970's.

DSA Takes Over Supply Of Tanks, Missile Ships Maintenance Support Items

Defense Supply Agency will take over "bits and pieces" supply items in March for the Army's Sheridan tank and the Navy's Terrier, Tartar and Talos missile ships, bringing DSA's support of military service weapon systems to 19.

DSA's role is basically confined to supplying maintenance support items which are more of the commercial type. These so-called "bits and pieces" items are not to be confused with major assemblies, components, end items and major equipment which will continue to be supplied directly by the service concerned.

About 5,000 Sheridan Tank items and 12,000 items for the Navy's 3-T missile ships will be supplied by DSA.

Savings Bond Sales Up $70 Million in January

Public holdings of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds gained by $70 million during January, the Treasury Department has announced.

Cash sales totalled $492 million in January, with redemptions at cost price at $458 million, leaving a net increase at cost price of $34 million.

In a longer term, cash value of Savings Bonds one year ago was at the $49.3 billion level. At the end of January 1967 the cash value had risen to $50.3 billion.

Life Insurance Dividend Interest Must Be Reported As Income

Interest earned on servicemen's life insurance dividends is earned income and must be reported on tax returns, according to the Veterans Administration.

This interest accrues on dividends that are left on deposit with VA, and is not to be confused with policy proceeds and dividends, which are nontaxable and need not be reported.

MEDAL WINNER—Coast Guard Lt. Charles B. Mosher (right) receives the Silver Star from Cdr. John B. Hayes, commander, Division 11, Coast Guard Squadron One, at An Thoi, Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam. Lt. Mosher was awarded the medal for action while commanding a Coast Guard cutter in a battle with a Viet Cong trawler and enemy ground forces near Cau Mau Peninsula.

USO Clubs in Vietnam Provide Recreation For Many U.S. Servicemen

More than 380,000 servicemen visit the 10 USO clubs in Vietnam monthly, an annual rate of 4.5 million, according to Gen. Emmett O'Donnell Jr., USAF-ret., USO director.

Gen. O'Donnell released the statistics following his recent visit to the Southeast Asian country.

"The tremendous attendance at our clubs in Vietnam and the overflow audiences at our USO shows to prove again that the job for which USO was organized is being done and is deserving of the continued support of all Americans at home," Gen. O'Donnell said.

The 10 clubs are operated by 28 USO professional staff members and 430 Vietnamese civilians.

DOD Is Proceeding With New, Faster ILLIAC Computer

Defense Department is going ahead with the engineering development of the ILLIAC IV computer that is designed to be 500 to 700 times faster in data processing than present computers and more than 100 times faster than any computer known to be in development.

While present computers use one control unit interacting with one arithmetic unit, the ILLIAC IV will have four control units interacting with more than 250 arithmetic units, the Advanced Research Project Agency (ARPA) announced in mid-February.

At the same time, ARPA approved the selection of the Burroughs Corp. at Pacli, Pa., for engineering development in conjunction with the University of Illinois, ARPA's prime contract for parallel processing computer research.

Examples of the uses of the new computer would be the simulation of the atmosphere for weather prediction, the modeling of large economic systems and simulation of large and extremely complex logistical problems, the DOD announcement said.

Navy Hospitals Designated To Treat Rare Disease

Three U.S. Naval Hospitals have been designated to provide specialized treatment and care to patients returning from Vietnam with the rare disease called "Melioidosis."

The hospitals are at Great Lakes, Ill.; Oakland, Calif.; and Bethesda, Md.

"Melioidosis does not pose a major threat to our forces, but is a serious disease," the Navy said.

It is a disease of wild rodents and some domesticated animals, but the organism that is responsible for the infection is found widely distributed in nature, Navy said.

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